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SUBJECT: VISIT OF YAR FOREIGN MINISTER AND COMMUNIQUE

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. YAR FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLA ABDULMAJID AL-ASNAJ LED A "HIGH LEVEL" DELEGATION TO ETHIOPIA, APRIL 20-25. THE DELEGATION MET WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN BG TEFERI BANTI, PMAC FIRST AND SECOND CHAIRMAN, MAJOR MENGISTVU AND LT. COL. ATNAFU, AND MOFA OFFICIALS. AL-ASNAJ DELIVERED IN UNDISCLOSED SPECIAL MESSAGE TO BG TEFERI FROM LT. COL. IBRAHIM MOHAMED AL-HAMDI, CHAIRMAN OF THE YAR COMMAND COUNCIL.

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VISIT STATED THAT TEFERI AND AL-ASNAJ HAD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON BILATERAL MATTERS INCLUDING THE WELL-BEING OF YEMENI NATIONALS RESIDING IN ETHIOPIA, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT "BOTH SIDES ALSO REAFFIRMED THEIR RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AS WELL AS NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES." TEXT OF

JOINT COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED AF/E AND SAN'A. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. YAR FIRST SECRETARY ZABARAH TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 29 THAT AL-ASNAJ'S VISIT HAD BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL. THE VISIT'S PRIMARY PURPOSE, HE SAID, WAS TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE 15,000 NORTH YEMENIS RESIDING IN ETHIOPIA, MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ERITREA. SOME OF THESE HAD FLED TO SUDAN. NO FINAL DECISIONS, HOWEVER, WERE REACHED REGARDING YEMENI RESIDENTS.

4. SABARAH STATED THE YAR STRONGLY FAVORED A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE ERITREAN PROBLEM WHICH WOULD MAINTAIN ETHIOPIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WHILE PROVIDING LOCAL AUTONOMY FOR ERITREA. THE YAR DELEGATION, HE SAID, HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED THAT THE EPMG HAD INDICATED IT WAS ONLY OFFERING ERITREA THE SAME SORT OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD BE DEVELOPED FOR OTHER AREAS OF ETHIOPIA. ZABARAH WAS WELL AWARE OF THE GENERAL ERITREAN DESIRE FOR SPECIAL STATUS.

5. ZABARAH STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF STATUS OF DISPOSITION OF MUTUALLY CLAIMED RED SEA ISLANDS DID NOT ARISE.

6. COMMENT: YAR'S PRIMARY BILATERAL CONCERN HERE IS THE STATUS OF YEMENIS IN ETHIOPIA ESPECIALLY ERITREA. AL-ASNAJ'S VISIT AND HIS NOD TO ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY DEMONSTRATE THAT CONCERN AND THE YAR'S WILLINGNESS TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT THE EPMG ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE IN ORDER TO BUTTRESS THE DELICATE SITUATION OF THE SIZEABLE YEMENI COMMUNITY HERE.  
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